

Proposed Amendments to Claims for 4010-28

1. (currently amended) A computerized Centralized Securities Depository (CSD)-system comprising:

a CSD memory including a register structure of a plurality of financial instruments and financial templates, each of which is defined by attributes, and each attribute has an associated one of plural inheritance characteristics,

a CSD computer coupled to the database that configures the financial instruments and financial instrument templates in a hierarchical, multi-level structure based on the attributes and their associated inheritance characteristics such that a financial instrument or financial instrument template on a first one level in the hierarchy is defined by selectively inheriting, dependent upon the associated inheritance characteristics of the attributes, at least one of the attributes which are common for of a financial instrument templates template on a next level higher level in the hierarchy,

wherein the CSD computer is arranged to link each financial instrument ~~on the first level to only one a~~ financial instrument template on the next higher hierarchical level.

2. (new) The system of claim 1, wherein the plural inheritance characteristics includes mandatory, optional, and exclude inheritance characteristics, and wherein a mandatory inheritance characteristic means that the associated attribute must be inherited by the financial instrument or financial instrument template on one level in the hierarchy from the financial instrument template on the next higher level in the hierarchy, an

optional inheritance characteristic means that the associated attribute may be inherited by the financial instrument or financial instrument template on one level in the hierarchy from the financial instrument template on the next higher level in the hierarchy, and an exclude inheritance characteristic means that the associated attribute shall not be inherited by the financial instrument or financial instrument template on one level in the hierarchy from the financial instrument template on the next higher level in the hierarchy.

3. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein an amendment to an attribute in a financial instrument or financial instrument template will cause the same amendment in the same attribute of those financial instruments or financial instrument templates which are linked to the amended financial instruments and which are on lower levels in the hierarchy than the amended financial instrument or financial instrument template.

4. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, in which the financial instruments on the first level of the hierarchy are also financial instrument templates.

5. (currently amended) The system of claims 1, in which the financial instruments from the first hierarchical level and lower in the hierarchy are financial instruments which can be traded within the CSD-system.

6. (currently amended) The system of claim 4, in which financial instrument templates in the hierarchy are only allowed one link to a hierarchical level above their